

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 1, 2022
Meeting No. 21**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director; Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Kayla Kirtz, Assistant to City Manager – Communications.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

3. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
4. Laney Skeel – 4312 Zenith Ave N: Resident presented a certificate to Council on behalf of the Robbinsdale Diggers Garden Club in appreciation of city staff installing a water system at the library. Resident also gave a gift to Sandvik and Parks Supervisor Welle in appreciation of the work they did on the project.
5. Patrick Nalion – 5820 42nd Ave N: Resident voiced support for City Engineer McCoy for all his great work and breadth of knowledge.
6. Chris Edgerton – 3945 Crystal Lake Blvd: Resident stated the public comment period should be televised for better transparency. Resident also stated McCoy does a great job.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

7. Leslie reported the following change to the agenda:
 - The Voucher Report was added to Other Business B.
8. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the November 1, 2022 Agenda with the update given to Council by the City Clerk. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

9. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the November 1, 2022 Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

- A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the City Council meeting:
 - City Council Meeting minutes on 10/18/22
 - City Council Special Work Session minutes on 10/18/22
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Planning Commission meeting minutes on 9/15/22
 - Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission meeting minutes on 8/23/22
 - Human Rights Commission meeting minutes on 9/22/22
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 11/1/22.
- D. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of September 2022.
- E. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' financial reports for the month of September 2022.
- F. Motion to acknowledge the Investment Report for the quarter ended September 2022.
- G. Motion to extend the approval of Condition Use Permit C20-6 for 3101 Drew Ave N. to December 31, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING A: CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HUBBARD AVENUE BETWEEN GRIMES AVENUE AND 38TH AVENUE AND SECTIONS OF GRIMES AVENUE, FRANCE AVENUE, 36TH AVENUE, AND 38TH AVENUE – CITY PROJECTS 38222 AND 45022

- 10. McCoy gave the report and stated he was looking for direction on the addition of the bike lane. McCoy stated staff supports the bike lane and discussed reasons for support.
- 11. Mayor Blonigan declared the public hearing reopened.
- 12. David Ulbrich – 3700 Hubbard Ave N: Resident spoke about inconsistencies in the comprehensive plan and about residents on the street who opposed the bike lane.
- 13. David Robins – 3922 Welcome Ave N: Resident asked Council to reconsider the bike lane because the residents in the area opposed it.
- 14. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
- 15. Mayor Blonigan stated he would like a third Whereas clause to state “Whereas Council considered that input;”.

16. Mayor Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #8006 "A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS OF HUBBARD AVENUE, GRIMES AVENUE, FRANCE AVENUE, 36TH AVENUE, AND 38TH AVENUE, AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SAME – CITY PROJECTS 38222 AND 45022" with the addition from Mayor Blonigan.
17. Member Backen stated he supported the bike path because it would be the best option for the entire community.
18. Mayor Blonigan voiced his support and spoke of the comprehensive plan and community benefits of the bike lane.
19. Member Selman stated he did not support the bike lane because of the feedback he heard from residents in the area of the proposed bike lane.
20. Member Webb stated she appreciated the feedback from the residents but supported the bike lane due to the overall benefits to the community.
21. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Webb, Backen, Mayor Blonigan. Nays: Selman. The motion carried on a 3-1 vote.
22. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #8007 "A RESOLUTION RESCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR SECTIONS OF HUBBARD / GRIMES / FRANCE / 36TH / 38TH AVENUES – CITY PROJECTS 38222 AND 45022" to December 6, 2022 at the regular City Council meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS A: SCHEDULE GENERAL ELECTION CANVASS BOARD MEETING

23. Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to schedule the General Election Canvass Board meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 after the regular City Council meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS B: VOUCHER REQUESTS PENDING APPROVAL FOR DISBURSEMENT

24. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 11/1/2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

25. Leslie spoke about the trash or treat event in which community members collected over 78 pounds of trash.

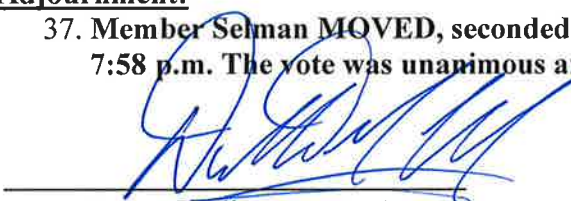
26. Leslie gave updates about the election and extended voting hours.
27. Sandvik gave updates from meetings he attended including the Blue Line open house.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

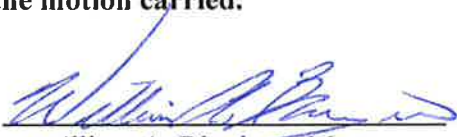
28. Member Webb asked for an update on racial covenants and requested Commissioner Lune to attend a work session to speak about the subject. Sandvik stated it would be discussed at the next work session and that he would invite Commissioner Lune. Sandvik also stated Just Deeds would be at the work session to give an update.
29. Member Selman asked for an update on the crosswalk at 42nd and Yates. McCoy stated staff was waiting on the county to grind down the crosswalk as they agreed it was unsafe.
30. Member Selman wished Marjorie Johnson a happy 103rd birthday.
31. Member Selman spoke about his first Anti-LRT meeting. Member Selman also attended the Blue Line open house and stated he heard a lot of opposition from attendees.
32. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the LRT open house and feedback he has heard regarding light rail.
33. Mayor Blonigan requested an update about lake levels at a future work session.
34. Mayor Blonigan requested better signage at the public parking at 42nd and West Broadway.
35. Mayor Blonigan requested an update on light reflection levels from the Reeves apartment complex.
36. Mayor Blonigan spoke about Veteran's Day and encouraged residents to visit the memorial on Victory Memorial Drive.

Adjournment:

37. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor